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To: localplans@charnwood.gov.uk
Subject: comments on Charnwood's Local Plan

Dear Local Plans - is it ok to simply email you with my comments on this - to be included in your consultation?

I am particularly concerned with these statements in the Environment section:

Support for a carbon neutral borough.

Support for communities to identify opportunity areas for wind and solar energy infrastructure.

'Support' for these issues is nowhere near enough - the borough needs to be setting - and meeting - really high and strict targets for both of these. We are already seeing the massive changes to our weather systems caused by the level of climate change we've already got. Things are going to get a LOT worse. So we need to do **everything** we possibly can to limit temperature rise. You are planning for the next 16 years (which is great) but unless we do **everything** we can **now**, by 2037 the climate throughout the world will be unrecognisable, with catastrophic flooding, fires, heatwaves, and - consequently - 10s or 100s of millions of climate refugees. We, as a 'developed' economy have caused climate change because of pumping out so many greenhouse gases since pre-Victorian times, so we have a very large responsibility to ensure we clean up our act ASAP. Please please please take environmental concerns MUCH more seriously. All your plans for economic revival will count for absolutely nothing if the planet is in such a state that wars are breaking out all over because of the enormous pressures put on populations because of run-away climate change. We are in a crisis - we've been twiddling our thumbs for decades over this (I learnt all about climate change at University 40 years ago) and time has run out. We all need to act right now to prevent very real catastrophe. So please rethink the whole way you think about The Environment - it isn't something separate from us - it is us. And it needs to lead on absolutely everything else you plan.

Yours sincerely, Mrs C March

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